

**Death Penalty.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 405. 1922, ch. 465, sec. 1.

**483.** If an offender, on conviction, may be sentenced to suffer death, the Court before whom such offender shall be tried and convicted, shall sentence him to suffer death by hanging by the neck; and when a case has been removed for trial and the party shall be sentenced to be hung, the Court shall remand him to the place where the indictment was found, where such offender shall remain in the custody of the Sheriff of that county or city for disposition as hereinafter provided.

See secs. 668 and 669.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 406. 1922, ch. 465, sec. 2.

**484.** Punishment of death must be inflicted within the walls of the building hereinafter provided; and shall not be executed earlier than thirty days after the sentence is pronounced.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 407. 1922, ch. 465, sec. 3.

**485.** The Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary is hereby authorized and directed to provide and maintain a permanent death chamber within the confines of said Penitentiary, and which said death chamber shall have all the necessary appliances for the proper execution of felons by hanging by the neck until dead. In said death chamber shall be executed all felons upon whom the death penalty has been imposed, for offenses committed on or after January 1st, 1923. Each execution shall be conducted by the said Warden or some assistant or assistants designated by him, in the presence of, the Sheriff of the county or city where such felon was indicted, the physician of the said Penitentiary, or his assistant, and a number of respectable citizens numbering not less than six or more than twelve. Counsel for the convict and two ministers of the gospel may be present.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 408. 1922, ch. 465, sec. 4.

**486.** When a person is sentenced to the punishment of death, the judge presiding in the Court at which the conviction takes place, shall cause the said felon to be taken into custody by the Sheriff of the county or city where he was indicted, and to be held by him in solitary confinement as hereinafter provided when said felon is in the Penitentiary, as long as said felon shall remain within the custody of the said Sheriff, and immediately upon conviction the Clerk of the Court where the said felon was indicted shall make out, sign and deliver to the Governor of the State of Maryland, a copy of the docket entries in said case, showing fully the sentence of the Court and the date thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court where such sentence is pronounced in case the indictment therein was procured in another county or city, and the case removed thereto, to immediately upon conviction and sentence, certify the proceedings to the Clerk of the Circuit Court from whence said case was removed and the duty of the Clerk of the Court upon the receipt of the mandate as to the notification to the Governor, shall be as hereinbefore provided.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 409. 1922, ch. 465, sec. 5.

**487.** The Governor is authorized and required whenever a sentence is pronounced on any criminal by the judgment of a Court of this State, and